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Our Leaders

State Conference Elects Officers

The officers for the ensuing year, as elected at the annual meeting of the Conference, are as follows:

Moderator, Rev. W. W. Furze; Assistant Moderator, Rev. R. C. Waddel; Preacher for 1932, Rev. N. W. Pendleton; Alternate Preacher, Rev. Lawrence Wilson.

Delegate, State Church Federation, Rev. Harley H. Gill; Representative to Anti-Saloon League, Rev. Norman W. Pendleton; Representative to Council of Religious Education, Rev. R. C. Waddell; Representative to State Christian Endeavor, Rev. G. E. Atkinson; Delegate to Southern California Conference, Rev. Harley H. Gill.

Pacific Slope Regional Committee: Rev. Harley H. Gill, Mrs. T. E. Borden, Mrs. W. W. Ferrier, Mr. C. S. Morse, Rev. W. B. Thorp. Committee on Religious Work at the University of California: Rev. G. T. Tolson, Mrs. C. A. Kofoid, Rev. Harley H. Gill, Rev. Noel J. Breed, Rev. O. W. S. McCall, Rev. H. F. Swartz. Visitors to Pacific School of Religion: Rev. F. J. Van Horn, Rev. H. S. Davidson, Rev. C. H. Cleaves.

Committee on Cooperative Marketing: Rev. W. B. Thorp, Mr. H. J. Beckman, Mr. B. M. Benson, Mr. G. Read, Rev. Lawrence Wilson. Committee on Sharing of Ministerial Salaries: Rev. F. J. Van Horn, Rev. James H. Price, Rev. George T. Tolson, Rev. Harley H. Gill ex-officio. Committee on Manual of Devotions: Rev. R. C. Waddell, Rev. Miles B. Fisher, Rev. J. H. McCartney.

Board of Directors: *Rev. H. V. Miller, *Rev. R. C. Waddell, *Rev. T. T. Giffen, *Mrs. E. V. Krick, *Mrs. C. T. Tinker, *Rev. W. W. Furze, Rev. E. T. Sherman, Mr. David H. Dexter. The hold-over members of the Board are: Rev. N. B. Henderson, *Mr. C. M. Doxsee, *Mrs. T. E. Borden, Mrs. Caroline Hobart, Dr. O. L. Elliott, Mr. Seldon Smith, *Rev. Benjamin Gould, *Mrs. W. W. Ferrier, Mrs. Charlotte Hazlett, Rev. R. C. Day, *Rev. Noel J. Breed, Mr. George S. Martin, Rev. Lawrence Wilson.

Rev. Benjamin Gould of San Jose, is to be president of the Board, Mrs. T. E. Borden, Vice President, and Mr. D. H. Dexter, Treasurer. Those with an asterisk have been elected by the Board to serve as the Executive Committee.

YEAR BOOK OF MISSIONS

The new Year Book of Missions is now available from the Conference office, at the regular price of 35 cents. If you did not get your copy at the time of the Conference in Oakland, send for it now. It contains Prayer Calendar, information on the various missions of the American Board, and names and addresses of missionaries.

In Stockholm, under the Bratt rationing system, the arrests for drunkenness were 182 per year per 100,000 population; in Toronto, under government sale, 88; in Montreal, 63; while in New York, with alcohol available only by lawless means, the annual arrests of drunks per 100,000 population were only 18.—Current History, quoted in International Student, April, 1931. Washington, D. C.

LOYALTY! LOYALTY! LOYALTY!

Delegates and ministers at the recent Conference meeting were deeply stirred by the reports of the Finance and Benevolence Promotion Committees. It was shown that our churches have done remarkably well so far this year. That the total gifts for benevolence from January 10 to September 30 had fallen off but $777 from those of the corresponding period a year ago, which reduced the income of our Conference by something less than *$400. The reports further showed that while we are operating on a smaller budget than a year ago, our deficit on September 30, for the first six months of the fiscal year was $5,008. While there is always a deficit during the summer, this amount of $5,008 is $1,341 larger than that on September 30 a year ago. This is accounted for not only by the decrease of receipts, but by the fact that there have been no vacancies in the pulpits of our "aided churches" during the whole summer.

Last year the Plan of Advance turned what would most certainly have been a serious shortage, into a small surplus. But this year no Plan of Advance is in sight. It was therefore voted that an appeal be made during the last two months of the year for special gifts to the work of our Conference. It was voted that each church be asked to make a Loyalty Offering in the manner and at the time that fits best in the local program. It was also voted that a letter be sent out from the office to individuals whose names are of record, setting forth the conditions that confront us, and inviting contributions.

The Board of Directors of the California Home Missionary Society has voted appropriations for three months only, hoping that the income from the churches before January 10th will warrant a continuance of the present scale. It would be a heart-breaking situation to reduce aid to churches at this time. The only regular money which some of our missionaries receive is that which comes from the Conference office. It is altogether possible that some hitherto self-supporting churches will be compelled to seek aid before the winter is over, or close their doors. Pacific readers may not want to wait for an appeal. Their contributions sent to the Conference office will be thankfully received. It is a time for

LOYALTY! LOYALTY!! LOYALTY!!

(*The October figures are now available. The falling off from January 10 to October 31 was $1,245, which reduces our Conference income by $623.)

CONFERENCE ECHOES

It was a great Conference—in some respects the greatest ever. In attendance it was exceptional. There was general approval of the change of the place of meeting from Asilomar to the numerical base, which will make it possible for many more to attend at least some of the sessions. The large attendance at the noon-day devotional exercises, and the new note of fervor in the singing and prayers, were most significant, affording ground for the hope that even an unprecedented financial stringency may prove to be a blessing in disguise.

DR. CARL S. PATTON, Moderator of the National Council, by his keen wit, good humor, big-heartedness, common sense, optimism and spiritual insight, proved to be a timely tonic to the Conference, which moves us to thank God and take fresh courage.

The annual address of Superintendent HARLEY H. GILL at the opening session was in his best vein and was warmly received. In it he gave a comprehensive report of the varied activities of the Conference, together with a review of the spiritual and financial status of the churches. While frankly conceding the extreme gravity of the present depression, there was a distinct note of optimism in all he said, for which we are grateful. Speaking of the ominous deficit of $5,000.00 in the benevolences of the Conference, he said: "We are facing a serious emergency. The only regular money some of our pastors have been receiving is the missionary check. If there is any cutting down of appropriations now, it will come out of the pockets of the missionaries. In some localities the folks who can borrow will be living on borrowed money for a year. Surely it is a time for a loyalty offering; for if missionary money was ever needed, it is needed now."

The keynote address of the retiring Moderator, DR. NOEL J. BREED, on "Where the Church Falters," was unforgetably unique in its keen and courageous analysis of our churches, going beyond statistics to the humiliating facts, such as our failure to maintain a rate of growth comparable with the growth of population in this state, and our dwindling congregations. In frankly pointing to our failure at three vital points—certainty, enthusiasm and consecration—he made a timely, corporate confession of sin and called us all to repentance. This moving address, born of burning conviction, ended with these sobering words:

"Hear me seriously, men and women. I am not indulging in exaggeration or day-dreaming. We stand at a definite crossroads of human destiny today. We cannot abide where we are; events crowd us on. Responsibility rests upon us such as never burdened men before. For, evade it as you try, you cannot escape the sober fact that the decision as to the course of humanity for the next few centuries rests upon the organized Christian churches. For unless life is spiritually motivated there will be a collapse of civilization greater in magnitude and effect than that which followed the downfall of the Roman Empire in the fifth century. But the Church may recognize its high hour of opportunity and measure up to it. It may be vitalized in its own faith by the realization of how desperately men are seeking God. It may develop a warm and deep spiritual experience in which men will find Him. It may

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Moore's Meetings

Extension Secretary's Schedule

The day following the closing of the State Conference, Rev. Frank L. Moore, D. D., Western Secretary of the Church Extension Boards, and Superintendent Gill, started on a tour of the Conference, holding special rallies. A splendid troup of people assembled for dinner at Rio Vista, even though there were counter attractions in the town that required the presence of many.

At Oroville, in spite of rain, a good congregation was present, and in the Sunday School much interest was manifested in learning how a missionary dollar is used.

At Paradise the speakers attended the young people's meeting and then spoke to a fine congregation.

At Auburn there were delegations from Loomis and Grass Valley in addition to the local people. Following the addresses light refreshments were served and many questions were asked and answered.

At Pittsburgh the church was comfortably filled. The choir of the local church rendered a beautiful anthem. Fine delegations were present from Antioch, Martinez and Bay Point.

At Santa Rosa people from Petaluma, Cotati, Sebastopol, Cloverdale and Guerneville swelled the audience.

At Sonoma a dinner was served, which was attended by people from Kenwood and Glen Ellen. Preceding the addresses a committee from the Sonoma Association invested Mr. Wesley B. Gordon with the license to preach.

At Benicia dinner was served and one auto load of delegates came from Suisun.

During the second week Dr. Moore visited the following places alone: Sacramento, Stockton, Lodi, Ceres, Tulare, Porterville and Fresno. His stay in California will be completed on the 9th and 10th of the month, when, with the Superintendent, Santa Cruz and Pacific Grove are visited.

The cooperation of pastors and lay people has been most encouraging.

HALL'S INSTITUTES

The study classes under the leadership of Rev. Marion E. Hall are going forward in a splendid way in six churches of the Santa Clara Association. Four of the churches have reported that the attendance is much larger than expected and that Mr. Hall is presenting his subject in a most delightful and interesting manner. He visits four of the churches six times and two others five times.

His weekly schedule is as follows:

Sunday—San Mateo.
Monday—Redwood City.
Tuesday—San Carlos.
Wednesday—Campbell.
Thursday—Saratoga.
Friday—Palo Alto.

In addition to these evening engagements with classes, he will fill the following pulpits on Sunday mornings:

Petaluma—October 25.
San Jose—November 1.
San Francisco First—November 8.
Oakland First—November 15.
Martinez—November 22.
Sunnyvale—November 29.

On Friday, December 4, Mr. Hall will sail for Japan.

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Christmas For the "Family"

Christmas is above all the "family day." However "Causes" may claim our attention, and ought to claim our money, at other seasons of the year, the underlying principle of Christmas giving is still to show our affection to those nearest and dearest to us.

For our Congregational folk the great Christmas Fund of the Board of Ministerial Relief provides the means of sending a loving greeting to those of our own household of faith who, because of age, infirmity or misfortune, are in special need of help and comfort. It is no round-about giving. Your check is sent directly to the Congregational Board of Ministerial Relief, 287 Fourth Ave., New York, and from there it goes straight into the homes of the 850 pensioners of the National and State Boards of Relief. Its coming means winter fuel, warm clothing, extra blankets, a new heater to replace the worn-out stove, new glasses to preserve the eyesight, or perhaps money to meet unpaid doctor's and dentist's bills, taxes or repairs on the little home, and the hundred and one other things for which it is impossible to save money when your regular income is just sufficient for the bare necessities of living.

Soon after the first of December they begin to go out—these messengers of good-will, first to far-away Japan, then to Germany and England —in all of which are ministers or their widows who have served Congregational Churches in this country —and finally to Hawaii, to Canada, and to nearly every state in the Union. Not only do these Christmas gifts bring material blessings; but almost more precious still, the sense of fellowship and remembrance. "Send my Christmas check to some one else this year if there is greater need," writes one pensioner of the National Board, "but be sure to let me have the letter. I do not want to miss the Christmas message."

In this year of appreciation and distress, we must make real our concern for the members of our own Christian family.

The Boards of Relief will stand by the Veterans of the Cross!

Will you stand by them?

The Congregational Board of Ministerial Relief has published two dramatic programs for Christmas, one entitled "Inasmuch," by Christine Hubbard Pickett, and the other "The Christmas Rose," by Grace Safford Sheldon. They will be glad to furnish copies to churches who can use them. Write to Congregational Board of Ministerial Relief, 287 Fourth Ave., New York.

CONFERENCE ECHOES

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culture and teach the practice of the presence of God. If it does, with the reaction of men and women against the standards, practices and goals of materialism, modern life will undergo the most profound change in recorded history."

REV. HERMAN F. SWARTZ, D.D., President of Pacific School of Religion, chose as the theme of the conference sermon "A Way of Life." In the course of his stimulating address he traced the disrupting effects of every renaissance of vital religion. The church did finally make room for St. Francis of Assisi, but it had no place for Martin Luther, George Fox, John Wesley and William Booth. Led by the spirit of truth, they were compelled to organize what proved to be a new church. But in our time we have seen the pendulum swing away from disintegration toward integration. The attempts to unite the followers of Jesus on the basis of doctrine, methods of worship and the ordinances have notoriously failed. The only possible basis of reunion is Jesus' way of life. On this basis alone we have merged with the Christians. We Congregationalists hope that this union, which was consummated recently at Seattle, will prove to be the beginning of a movement toward greater unity throughout Christendom.

MRS. FRANKLIN WARNER, vivacious and witty, brought timely light and assurance to any of our constituency who in recent years have been inclined to associate a disquieting interrogation point with the noble word "missions." She said: "The purpose of the Christian Church is to promote the welfare of men everywhere. The world has grown enormously during recent years. The missionary movement has grown also, and this growth calls for a corresponding growth on the part of the sending churches. Now, all growth is uncomfortable and expensive. What shall we do with those nations that are growing so fast? We, who started the world service movement, must find a new way to guide and aid it—for it was never needed more than it is today."

Vital and stimulating was the contribution made by DR. FRANK L. MOORE, Secretary of the Western Division of the Congregational Extension Boards. By his many years of heroic service on the western frontiers, he has earned the right to plead with the churches to make real sacrifice in the present crisis, in behalf of those who are compelled to live in remote and culturally barren regions.

The program would have been quite incomplete without the heart-searching address of REV. MARION E. HALL of the American Board, who is here on a furlough from Japan. It is hoped that pastors and lay delegates will report to the home base his scathing denunciation of that stale, oft-told lie regarding the alleged employment of Chinese clerks by Japanese bankers because of their unwillingness to trust their own people.

Of all the speakers, none were more enthusiastically applauded than MR. HOWARD J. CONN of Fresno, student at Stanford, who spoke on "Congregational Young People at Asilomar." No, our young people are not all headed for perdition! Our young people's department is in good hands. Let us by all means plan to have this inspiring leader of our youth visit as many of our churches as possible during the coming year.

Through President MARY E. BRANCH of Tillotson College for women, we were forcibly reminded of the great work we have done through the A. M. A. for the education of the negro people in the south. She also brought us face to face with our unfinished task in that needy section of our land.

REV. L. WENDELL FIFIELD, D. D., of Seattle, who spoke on "The Nature of the Universe and the Message of Calvary," is thoroughly familiar with the philosophy of religion and brought an exceptionaly strong message which he delivered with evangelistic fervor of a new kind. The speaker cited Einstein, Steinmetz, Eddington, Jeans and our own Millikan as witneses to the supremacy of the spiritual over the material throughout the universe. In substance he said, "The enormous personal and social consequences of the sacrifice of Jesus were not accidental. The cosmic mind must have willed that it should be so. It must have sanctioned his entrance into the life of eternal significance through the yielding up of his bodily life. And if God sanctioned the sacrificial life of Jesus he must sanction such a life for all of his other children."

DR. THEODORE MACKLIN, who spoke on "The Place of the Church in the Cooperative Movement," is the son of missionaries and was born in China. Every sentence of his interesting address rang true to his spiritual inheritance. He is head of the state's marketing commission. He pointed to the disheartening fact that the chief reason for the failure of the cooperative movement was a lack of Christian character. While there has been an enormous over-supply of things, on the other hand, there has been a decided under-supply of men who are sincerely interested in the common weal and who are ready to make sacrifice if need be for the success of the cooperative movement. Altruism is always the integrating, unifying force and selfishness is always disintegrating. The teaching of ideals in the abstract is not enough. We must back up our teaching by the practical application of our cherished ideals.

Thrice welcome to our fellowship once more was REV. M. G. PAPAZIAN, after fulfilling his important mission to the Orient at the request of the American Board. Because of his cultural inheritance and long residence in his native land, Armenia, few persons anywhere are qualified as he is to speak on "The Crescent and the Cross." Throughout his address he vividly contrasted the character and methods of Jesus with the character and methods of Mohammed, basing his charge of the gradual moral deterioration of the prophet of Arabia on the contents of the Koran itself. He pointed out the fact that if Christianity had not gone to sleep Mohammedanism never could have made its fateful inroads into Europe.

By his address on "Religion and Crises," REV. JOHN R. HAHN, the new pastor of the First Congregational Church of Stockton, showed himself to be a thorough-going student of history, a discriminating thinker with a social passion, and a man of daring, prophetic spirit. He pointed out that the capitalistic system is today on trial as never before. "This is true because as a result of it, enormous wealth and power have gradually passed into the hands of a few. The wealth and power thus acquired are good neither for their possesors nor for society. At the other end of the human scale there is an ever-increasing number of people who are unable to get employment and who, as a consequence, are facing dire want. This condition cannot and should not continue. Either there will be gradual evolution into a system which will ensure a more equitable distribution of the joint product of labor and capital, or there will be revolution with all its destruction of property and life. Which shall it be? The present situation calls for patience, moral courage, honesty and the readiness to sacrifice for the greatest good of the greatest number. When the crucial day which calls for decision arrives, on which side will you be?"

—Henry Stauffer.

CHARLES LUTHER KLOSS

Born in New Berlin, Pennsylvania, in the year 1862. Graduated from Yale in 1885. Studied in Heidelberg and Berlin, Germany, two years, from 1886 to 1888. Pastor in small Kansas churches before and following his studies abroad. During the past 41 years he has held six notable pastorates: Tabernacle Church, Kansas City, 1890-97; Webster Groves, Missouri, 1897-1904; Central Church, Philadelphia, 1904-1910; Webster Groves, Missouri (a second pastorate) 1911-1917; Plymouth Church, Oakland, 1917-1923; San Mateo, 1923-1931. During the summer of 1921 he was exchange preacher to England. At other times he has occupied the foremost pulpits in America.

In 1888 he was married to Miss Mary Phillips, who through all the years has shared his labors. Four children came to this home, of whom all but one, with their mother, survive him. Mrs. Sarah Hayes of Illinois, Daniel Kloss of New Mexico, and Phillips Kloss of Berkeley.

Three score years and ten, he lived. Lived abundantly! Rejoicing in tasks because they were hard. Bringing to completion one great enterprise after another. Filling up the last full measure of devotion in his personal ministry. Culminating it all in the erection of a noble building, in the strengthening of his church and in the recommendation of his successor. And then he fell asleep on October 28, 1931. Without years of irritating activity, without months of lingering illness, buoyant until the end he entered into the joy of his Lord.

REV. HOWARD MUDIE

The many friends of Rev. Howard Mudie will regret to learn of his recent death in Cheshire, England.

Mr. Mudie was an early graduate of Pacific Theological Seminary. A cowboy in Modoc County he wandered into a meeting of the Mt. Shasta Association held during the summer of 1888 in our church at Alturas. There he found a new purpose in life, and, at the invitation of Dr. Joseph Benton entered the Seminary.

Graduating in 1891 he was called to the Soquel Congregational Church. Later he held pastorates in Minnesota and Maine. His latter ministry was in England—his native land.

For the last ten years Mr. Mudie has been an invalid, yet from his wheeled chair the influence of his rugged faith and courageous spirit has gone out to bless a great circle of neighbors and friends.

It is gratifying to know that these years of patient suffering have been brightened by the remembrance of the American Congregational Board of Ministerial Relief.

—L. L. W.

CONFERENCE STATISTICS

Paid Registrations	431
Young People's Dinner	Over 250
Men's Banquet	222
Women's Banquet	288

NEWS FROM CHURCHES AND THEIR LEADERS

SAN FRANCISCO—FIRST. Rev. Kerrison Juniper, D. D., has been unanimously called to the pastorate of this church, and will enter upon his duties December 1st. Dr. Juniper has been pastor of the First Congregational Church of St. Petersburg, Florida,, for the past thirteen years, and is recognized as one of the leading Congregational ministers of the south. During the tourist season a congregation of 2,000 fills his auditorium both morning and evening. Prior to his work in Florida he held pulpits in South Africa, Australia and Canada. During the world war he served on the front line, being loaned by this country to the British Y. M. C. A. Every church in our Conference rejoices with First Church in the securing of a leader after the long interim since the death of Dr. C. J. Hawkins.

SAN MATEO. Shortly after the completion of the new church building, Rev. C. L. Kloss, the pastor, informed the church that it was his desire to retire. After wide search, the choice of the church and the committee fell upon Rev. George E. Brown of Leominster, Massachusetts. At that time it was expected that Dr. Kloss would carry the work until the arrival of the new pastor on December 1st. This plan was interrupted by the illness and death of Dr. Kloss and pastoral duties were entrusted to Rev. Franklin L. Graff, a member of the church who resides in San Mateo. Dr. Brown comes highly recommended as organizer, preacher and pastor, with a special training and capacity for young people's work. Under his leadership the church at Leominster has made marked progress.

BERKELEY—NORTH. Rev. Elmer W. Benedict of Wallace, Idaho, has been chosen as the pastor of this church, and is on the field in that work. Mr. Benedict is a graduate of Carleton College and Chicago Theological Seminary. He has held pastorates at Montevideo, Glenwood and Minneapolis, Minnesota, before coming to Wallace, Idaho. Mrs. Benedict shares with him particularly in young people's work. They have three children. Mr. Benedict comes with a splendid record of achievement behind him and is in the full prime of life.

BERKELEY—FIRST. Rev. O. W. S. McCall, the pastor, is giving a series of book sermons, each one devoted to the understanding of some character of today. The series will include sermons on "J. Ramsay MacDonald," "Hindenburg, the Man and the Legend," "Jan Smuts," "Stalin," and "Mussolini." Fourteen new members were received into the church on the first Sunday of November.

SAN CARLOS. This Sunday School has an average attendance of 87 out of an enrollment of a little more than 100. Can any church show a higher percentage? Church attendance shows an increase over the corresponding period a year ago. Rev. Reed B. Cherington is the pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO—CALVARY. Five new members were added during the month of October, bringing the total for the church to 76. The average attendance at the morning service is 99, and at the young people's meeting 34. Rev. H. A. Kartozian is the pastor.

PETALUMA. Because the children of the Sunday School do not seem to have received a real knowledge of the Bible from the Graded Lessons, and no course of study that would accomplish this could be found, Dr. Noel J. Breed, the pastor, is writing a course of lessons on the Old Testament, which is being used in the Junior Department and some classes of the High School Department. These lessons have caused a great deal of interest among the scholars, shown in part by the greater number preparing them at home. Dr. Breed is also conducting a mid-week teachers' class which is being attended by many who are not connected with the Sunday School. Besides showing their interest by attendance at classes, many have spoken of the greater knowledge of and interest in the Old Testament gained through these lessons.

There were thirty-three persons from the Petaluma Church who attended at least one session of the Conference at Oakland.

OAKLAND—FIRST. A fellowship fund has been established for the purpose of assisting members of the church who are in straightened circumstances. The World Friendship Institute is being conducted on Wednesday evenings again this year. Dr. F. J. Van Horn, the pastor, leads study on the "Rural Billion," Dr. R. C. Waddell, associate pastor, leads the discussion on "The Church and World Peace," and a children's project group is led by Mr. and Mrs. R. M. England.

BAY POINT. Under the leadership of Mr. R. L. Cramer the Sunday School of this church has grown until the erection of an addition to the building is being seriously considered. Twenty-five delegates from this church attended the rally at Pittsburg, which was addressed by Dr. Frank L. Moore and the Superintendent.

MODOC INDIAN WORK

During October Miss Mary Coxhead conducted four services each at Fort Bidwell and Canby. During the month she made 41 pastoral calls in her territory. Churches should remember to send their Christmas boxes and bundles of clothing to Miss Coxhead at Alturas instead of at Fort Bidwell as heretofore.

VALLEY OF THE MOON Larger Parish. Under the leadership of Rev. Frank E. Boren and Mr. Wesley B. Gordon, the work of the new parish in the Valley of the Moon goes steadily forward. Attendance at services of worship has increased, new talent has been enlisted, and a young people's organization is thriving.

ROCKLIN. Through the cooperation of Rev. Edmund Owens of Loomis, occasional services are to be held at Rocklin, especially appropriate for children and young people. While there does not seem to be the constituency to warrant regular services, a small group of women have kept the property in excellent repair.

OAKLAND—FRUITVALE. In addition to his work as student at Pacific School of Religion, the pastor, Mr. James E. Boyd, spent 177 hours of work in his parish during the month of October. Out of a total enrollment of 21 in the Christian Endeavor, the average attendance is 17.

HAYWARD. Three new members have recently been voted into the fellowship. The building project is held in abeyance for better times, but a considerable sum of cash is on hand in that fund.

The church has voted a sum for employment of a part time worker from Pacific School of Religion as assistant in the Sunday School and young people's activities. The pastor, Rev. R. C. Day, has outlined a program of forum speakers during January and February, and will himself conduct a series of studies on Kagawa's "Love, the Law of Life," during Lent.

CAMPBELL. ....The Christian Endeavor groups at Campbell now total over a hundred members, with an average attendance of over 80. They took the banner at the Santa Clara County convention, with 60 registered delegates and 80 in attendance. The women of the church have raised $700 during the year, and the Sunday School secured 10,000 pennies in six months aside from their usual offerings. These items have assisted the church in a time which would have been very difficult financially. Rev. J. H. Bennett is the pastor.

CROCKETT. Miss Mary Elizabeth Hunt, who has recently undertaken work among foreign peoples, has week day Bible classes. The attendance at the boys' class averages 13, and for the girls' class 18. Recently when a holiday was suggested, the children said "we like holidays at school, but we don't like them here." In addition to her work with the children, she is helping the women with the task of learning English.

ANGEL'S CAMP. During the month of October nine new members were received into the church, four on confession of faith and five by letter. This brings the church membership to 35. Rev. John T. Munton, the pastor, preaches three times on Sunday, teaches a Sunday School class, and takes part in the young people's meeting.

REDWOOD CITY. On Sunday, November 1, eight new members were received into the church. Much activity is shown in all departments. Rev. C. H. Stevens, recently resigned as pastor, is carrying on until his successor is selected.

ANTIOCH. During the past month three were added to the church on confession of faith. Steadily this church increases in strength through the addition of community leaders. Rev. Henry Stauffer is the pastor.

ALAMEDA. Rev. and Mrs. Gail Cleland have just entered upon their fourth year with this church. His anniversary sermon was entitled, "The Minister Speaks for Himself."

CONTINUATIONS CONFERENCES IN BAY AREA

Echoes from the Washington Congress on Home Missions will be heard in Oakland December 7 and San Francisco December 8. There will be addresses by Dr. W. R. King, Dr. Worth M. Tippy, Dr. Herman Morse, Dr. E. M. Halliday, Dr. W. Clyde Smith and Mrs. Clara Eubank. The conferences are under the auspices of the Home Missions Council, the Federal Council of Churches, and local Church Federations. All ministers and lay people are invited.

GUERNEVILLE. A new kind of surprise party was sprung on the pastor, Rev. James W. Price on a recent Sunday evening. The people of the town cannot be called "churchgoing," but in order to show their good will, special effort was made to get out a crowd, and when the pastor arrived at the church he was so surprised that he forget to ring the last bell. He soon recovered, and after an old time song service, he gave them his sermon, which was just about what they needed. Would it not be a good thing for other churches to try this sort of surprise on their pastor?

BERKELEY—PARK. The Sunday School enrollment has now reached 115. A monthly fellowship dinner for men is held, at which the interest is increasing. Three new members for the church have been added during the past month. Evening services have been begun, with a fellowship hour and light refreshments following. The minister, Rev. Tom Watt, continues to send a weekly sermon to the local paper in Williams, his former parish, and through arrangements with that paper is able to distribute reprints from them in his present parish.

SANTA ROSA. A new Junior department has been added in the Sunday School under capable leadership. Eight new members have been added to the church during the past month. Splendid delegations were sent to the Sonoma Association and the state Conference. Reports of the various departments at the bi-monthly business meeting are encouraging. Rev. J. J. Jones is the pastor.

AUBURN. At the November Communion five persons were received into church membership, all coming by letter. The attendance at this service was the largest at any similar service in the present pastorate, and the congregations this fall have averaged over forty percent higher than last year. There is marked increase in interest, and the outlook is encouraging.

Rev. Loyal Lincoln Wirt, D. D., has been appointed Pacific Coast Director of the Golden Rule Foundation, succeeding Mr. E. Guy Talbot, resigned. Dr. Wirt has been identified with the American Red Cross, the Near East Relief, and the National Council for Prevention of War. Henceforth his residence address will be Claremont, California, and his office Room 639, 130 South Broadway, Los Angeles.

SONOMA ASSOCIATION

The fall meeting of the Sonoma Association was held at Cloverdale on October 7. Rev. Harold S. Davidson, Ph.D., pastor of the local church, led the devotions and welcomed the Association. Rev. Noel J. Breed, Ph.D., of Petaluma, gave his report as delegate to the National Council. The women's hour was under the direction of Mrs. Orrill Atkinson. Mrs. Charles T. Tinker of Oakland, and Mrs. Gail Cleland of Alameda, were speakers. The Association sermon was preached by Rev. George E. Atkinson of Sebastopol. Evening devotions were led by the Moderator, Rev. J. J. Jones of Santa Rosa. This was followed by an address by Conference Superintendent Gill. An interesting feature of the program was the decision to grant a license to preach to Wesley B. Gordon, who is director of religious education and young people's work in the Valley of the Moon larger parish.

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Mrs. T. E. Borden, Mrs. C. J. Hawkins, Mrs. Birdie A. Dorland

The Fall meeting in connection with the Conference was a success in many ways. The increased attendance and representation from nearly every church, the enthusiasm, the fine speakers, and the inspiring banquet with so many women—these are some of the high points. Any mistakes made in the program or arrangements will be rectified next year. The Seminar for the women on the Findings of the National Council was ably conducted by Dr. H. F. Swartz. It was a splendid opportunity for us to consider the questions before the church today.

The women of the church at Stockton have taken the first step toward uniting their organizations and thereby their efforts. Enlisting all the women affiliated with the church into this organization is one of their aims. They have already named their chairman to plan the details with the pastor. Let us wish them well.

President Mary E. Branch has very happily aroused our interest in Tillotson College. And the six Bay churches where she is holding Institutes should receive a blessing from the one whose race had "emotion and enthusiasm in everything they undertake."

There are only a few weeks in which to furnish and ship the Social Service work articles of this year.

Mrs. Franklin Warner was an inspiration and has left with each one of us a thought, which will make our life more blessed. "My husband, my children and my home," our first interests. The world, Christ and Me, our larger vision. This is a new day. Do we meet its problems in a new way?

Have you bought your Peace Stamps? Remember Mrs. Miles B. Fisher said they would influence four people—the one who sticks it on a letter, the postman who collects, the postman who delivers, and the person receiving the letter; and the money goes toward the Peace Memorial.

Mrs. Theodore Fieldbrave gave a fine division of history of India. First Period—Vedic, when men and women worked side by side. Second—Epic, when women were scholars and sages equal to men. Third—Deterioration, when Mohammedans, attracted by the wealth of the temples, entered India from the north and played havoc with the women, so there arose the secluding of the women and early marriages. Fourth—Restoration, enter the English, the Missions, schools, orphanages, hospitals, etc.

Miss Coxhead had some beautiful bead things at the Conference, and would be glad to have orders. She said, "Consider the article, consider your pocketbook, and consider the Indian's need."

Do you all enjoy Dr. Carl S. Patton over KPO Dobbsie hour? We women have that opportunity of hearing him.

Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. Cleland were on the job at the book tables and made many sales which means more education among our women.

Just a word in regard to the women's thank offering. The Federation suggests that it be sent to the Conference Office, to be divided 50%, 30%, and 20% among our work, but **not** to be credited to the local church. Please report the amount to Mrs. Helen Byrne, Laurel Street, Santa Cruz.

NEW APPORTIONMENT GOAL

FACT NO. 1. Our benevolence giving must be put on a permanent basis reasonably adequate to the needs, or special appeals must be made to meet recurring deficits.

FACT NO. 2. The giving of our churches has been very uneven, some churches falling away below their rightful share.

FACT. NO. 3. A number of churches are disposed to play the game, and have inquired as to the amount of their fair share.

Facing these facts, the Benevolence Promotion Committee recommended, and the Board of Directors and the Conference itself unanimously voted to return to the plan of suggesting a definite amount to each church as apportionment goal for 1932, and thereafter.

The method of arriving at that figure is complicated but fair. Membership, current expenses and previous giving were taken into account. In general the computations favored the smaller churches with the little budgets. In some instances the result will come as a shock. Perhaps that is not because the figure is too high but because the giving has been far too low.

The committee recommended and the Conference voted that no church should be asked to give less than in the past. On this basis a few honor churches are asked to continue giving on their present scale, even though the computations would suggest a lower figure. These honor churches are: **Adin, Berkeley First, Berkeley North, Ceres, Cotati, Ferndale, Lodi, Palo Alto, San Jose, Santa Rosa, Saratoga, Stockton** and **Woodside.**

The total of the amounts thus apportioned is $60,596, which with individual and church gifts sent directly to the eastern boards will undoubtedly bring our total to $65,000, which is the goal adopted by the Conference.

The suggested apportionment figures for the churches were distributed to delegates at the Conference, and have been mailed to the pastors. Further information can be obtained by writing to the Conference office. The committee on calculation and review will welcome information which will help in avoiding inequalities.

If it is not possible to accomplish this in one year, in the course of two or three years it may be done if we keep the goal in mind. It is in no wise an assessment. We can only ask and suggest. It is for the churches to decide.

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BOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS

Children.—Bible Story Book by Danielson; Come True Land Stories by Lane; Magic Gift by Frayser; Several books by Jay T. Stocking

Parents.—Training Children in Christian Family by Weigle; Childhood and Character by Hartshorne; Several books by Marg. Slattery

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CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS

Upon the report of the Resolutions Committee, consisting of Rev. Harvey V. Miller, Mrs. Gail Cleland. and Rev. C. H. Cleaves, the following resolutions were adopted by the Conference:

BIBLE DAY

Inasmuch as the American Bible Society, in cooperation with the Protestant churches of America, is promoting the observance of a Universal Bible Sunday, this year to be held December 6, and will furnish posters and free literature to every pastor applying to the American Bible Society, Bible House, Astor Place, New York City,

RESOLVED, That we commend this effort to focalize the attention of the general public on the inestimable value of the Bible in individual and national life, and recommend the observance of this day by our pastors and churches.

DISARMAMENT AND WORLD PEACE

Be it resolved that we petition the President of the United States that he appoint on the delegation to the coming Disarmament Conference at Geneva, civilians who are outstanding for their advocacy of disarmament as well as officers of the Army and Navy.

Be it further resolved that we urge our churches to utilize every opportunity especially on Armistice Sunday, for making the Gospel of the Prince of Peace real in its application to disarmament, and

Be it resolved that we recommend that the churches cooperate with our national committee on disarmament, with the National Council for the Prevention of War, and with the "World Tomorrow," by availing ourselves of speakers whom they have arranged for the Pacific Coast, such as: Dr. Carl Patton, President Aurelia Reinhardt and President Tully Knoles, harmoniously uniting all lovers of peace.

PROHIBITION

Resolved, that the Northern California Congregational Conference at its 75th Annual Conference in session assembled at the Plymouth Congregational Church at Oakland, Calif., does hereby endorse the purposes and object of the Allied Forces for Prohibition and urges full cooperation upon its membership.

UNEMPLOYMENT

Whereas the present widespread unemployment and concomitant evils are due basically to lack of social vision and economic planning; and

Whereas it is our conviction that the evils of unemployment can be effectively and constructively dealt with only on a national scale;

Therefore be it resolved that we call for legislation providing unemployment insurance, establishing federal employment bureaus and creating a system of economic planning whereby men and jobs can be brought together.

Be it further resolved that we recommend to the churches that through pulpit forum and class room they study and discuss these problems in the light of the social principles of Jesus.

Be it further resolved that we urge that churches organize for more effective sharing of God's bounties with the less fortunate in the church and community; and that they cooperate with Labor Unions, Chambers of Commerce and with community agencies in relief work.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS

Be it resolved, that we deeply appreciate the most generous way the Oakland Press has reported the proceedings of the Conference.

Resolved, that we most heartily thank Plymouth Church, through its Pastor, Dr. T. T. Griffen, its officers and members, for their splendid hospitality to the Conference.

And further, we wish to thank all those who have given us so much to think about in their talks and addresses,

And, especially those who have come to us from a distance, to impart their thought and the inspiration of their Christian personalities.

PRESIDENT BRANCH HOLDS CLASSES

Reports concerning the classes which are being conducted by President Mary E. Branch in churches of the Bay Association are enthusiastic. Following the book "God and the Census" with a lesson each night, she presents the general cause of home missions and then speaks briefly of her own work at Tillotson College. President Branch is reaching six churches, holding a class at one of them five times and at the others six times. Her schedule each week is as follows:

Sunday—Oakland Pilgrim.
Monday—Hayward.
Tuesday—Alameda.
Wednesday—Berkeley First.
Thursday—Oakland Plymouth.
Friday—Berkeley North.

In addition to her regular class appointments she occupies the pulpits at a number of churches on Sunday mornings:

October 25—Broadmoor.
November 1—Oakland Calvary.
November 8—Berkeley Park.
November 15—Fairfax.
November 22—Fruitvale.
November 29—San Francisco, Richmond.

She also has a number of afternoon appointments, including Antioch, Benicia, San Mateo, Martinez, Oakland Pilgrim, Oakland First, and the monthly meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women.

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